

HORATIO DAVID DAVIES.

London's New Lord Mayor Is a Clever Hand at Politics.

Horatio David Davies, the new lord mayor of London, is an old hand in English politics. He is now in his fifty-sixth year, and began his public career in 1859. Three years ago he was elected to parliament for Rochester, but the return was invalidated. In 1895 he was elected to Chatham. Prior to that time he had paid attention to city politics and had achieved some success in that line. In 1889 he was alderman from the ward of Bishopsgate. From 1885 until 1889 he represented the ward of Cheap in the common council, and has



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(New Lord Mayor of the City of London.)

been lieutenant for the City of London. He was justice of the peace for Kent in 1887, and in 1888 he was sheriff of London and Middlesex. In the military he is a lieutenant colonel of the Third Middlesex artillery, and has filled that office since 1889. Mr. Davies is a dignified man of imposing presence, a good speaker, and has a thorough knowledge of the municipal needs of the great city over which he is to preside in lieu of Sir George Faudel-Phillips. At the last general election Mr. Davies defeated his liberal opponent, R. H. Cox, by 553 votes. He is a product of the people, and made his wealth in commerce.

SILLIEST OF BIRDS.

The Dodo Was Too Stupid to Build a Nest for Himself.

Dodo is the Portuguese name for simoleon, and it is given to the silliest bird that ever lived.

Three hundred years ago, when the Portuguese first visited the island of Mauritius, they found a great number of these birds. They were about the size of a large swan, blackish gray in color, and having only a bunch of feathers in place of a tail, and little, useless wings. More stupid and foolish birds could not be imagined. They ran about making a silly, hissing noise like a goose and the sailors easily knocked them over with their paddles. They couldn't fly, they couldn't swim, they couldn't run at any great speed, and as for fighting, they were the greatest cowards in the



DODO OF MAURITIUS.
(The Silliest Bird That Ever Lived.)

world. They were much too stupid to build a nest, and so they dropped an egg in the grass and went off and let it hatch as best it could. Added to all of these things, its flesh was fairly good to eat, and the Portuguese pursued it so steadily for food that in less than a century's time there wasn't a single dodo left in the world. It was quite too silly and stupid to save its own life, and so it became extinct.

BELLES OF CROW AGENCY.

The Indian girls of the Crow agency boarding school in Montana gave a source dante the other evening, and the following girls were present: Clara Spotted-Horse, Edith Long-Ear, Kittie Medicine-Tail, Lena Old-Bear, Clara Bull-Nose, Blanche Little-Star, Nellie Shell-on-the-Neck, Mary Old-Jack-Rabbit, Bertha Full-Mouth, Katie Dreamer, Fanny Plenty-Butterflies, Bessie Crook-Arm, Martha Long-Neck, Isabel Lunch, Floy Hairy-Wolf, Alice Shoots-as-She-Goes, Stella Wolf-House, Lucy Hawks, Beatrice Beads-on-Ankle, Susie Bear-Lays-Down, Louisa Three-Wolves, Anna Medicine-Pipe, Maggie Broken-Ankle, Ruth Bear-in-the-Middle, Helen Comes-Out-of-Fog, Sarah Three-Irons, Ida Wrinkle-Face, Jessie Flat-Head-Woman, Lottie Grandmother's-Knife, Esther Knows-Her-Gun, Minnie Nods-at-Bear and Daisy Young-Helifer.

All Must Keep Together.

Chinese table etiquette is very peculiar. According to its rules no general conversation must be carried on at the table but remarks on the food are always in order. All must begin to eat at the same time, each person exclaiming: "Let us begin," and accompanying the remark with a flourish of the chopstick. It is very bad manners to finish before any other person dining with you—all must keep together.

Bathrooms in Schools.

Bathrooms in public schools are a novelty that Boston will introduce in its new buildings. The latest structure of an educational nature in that city is to cost \$350,000, and will be fitted with toilet, dressing and bathrooms for both sexes, with 11 shower baths and foot baths as well.

WEDDINGS IN ARABIA.

The Bride Is Expected to Journey to the Groom's Home.

After Marriage Her Position Is One of Genuine Dignity and She Is Treated With No Small Share of Tenderness.

Honeymoons fall to the lot of brides in every land, but in Arabia wedding journeys are unknown, and even the perpetually-journeying Bedouins do not have wedding trips.

But the Arab bride-elect often takes trying journeys just before her marriage. If she is to be married to a man in a neighboring town she goes to him—not he to her, for she is leaving her home and he is not—what more natural than that she should be put to the inconvenience? Besides, it is considered luckier for the bride to cover the distance, if there is any, between herself and her future husband. And what a picture she makes as she comes, riding proudly her nuptial camel! She rides in a litter, canopied by embroidered, tasseled silk or fine cloth. On the canopy is an appropriate text or more from the Koran embroidered in gold. The camel wears upon his nose a proud plume of ostrich feathers. His long neck is dyed deep with brilliant hennah. His head and face are hung with wee mirrors, which scintillate and flash in the sunshine. His grotesque bulk and his gaunt legs are swathed and hung with phulkaris—strange eastern cloths bedight with squares and ovals of looking-glass and long, thick stitches of rich silk. Some girl or woman friend rides with the bride and attendants and protectors proceed and follow her.

At the marriage feasts of the rich lambs stuffed with cucumbers and pistachio nuts, sweetmeats and sherbets,



WEDDINGS IN THE EAST.
(Arab Bridegroom and His Attendant Friend.)

dates and symbolic cakes are devoured in Homeric quantities. Rich and poor are bidden to this bounty and dancing girls and musicians perform while the guests feast.

In an Arab town a statement made before the cadi constitutes all the essential marriage ceremony. In the desert the only necessary function is the slaughtering of a sheep within or before the tent of the bride's father. Arabs not infrequently change and exchange wives to the high satisfaction of all concerned. If a man is dissatisfied with his wife he may return her marriage portion in full, and, if she is of Bedouin blood, a she-camel must be added to the original dower.

An Arab almost always offers marriage to his brother's wife. This is also an all but invariable custom among the Mormons. It is a sign of respect to the dead brother and to the living woman. Arab wives are treated with consideration and with no small share of tenderness. In Arabia woman's position is one of dignity, her attitude one of self-respect. Arab men are as full of sentiment as of prowess and no more ashamed of the one than of the other.

Arabs who know Europe say that "Europeans are hard upon their women and do not fear God or conceal their offenses." An Arab will not often expose a sinful woman, even though she sin against his own near kinsman, but will say: "I must cover her with my cloak." And more indulgence must we give to women than we give to ourselves—for they are weaker, and, while equally tempted, are less able to withstand temptation.

Like the geisha of Japan, the dancing girl of Arabia may, and often does, leave her nefarious calling and become a respected wife.

Centuries ago, and for centuries, English lovers broke a coin between them and so solemnized their betrothal. In some Arab tribes a man and maiden breaking together before three witnesses a flat, thin cake of almond paste are formally affianced.

An Arab has an absolute right to the hand of his girl cousin. He must formally renounce that right before she can marry anyone else. When a girl has more than one male cousin, or, in some tribes, that of the oldest unmarried cousin.

The man must provide all necessities for his harem (wife) and if she has money or earns she spends it in dress. If she makes him a skull cap or a handkerchief he must pay for the work.

The Shape of the Earth.

The French scientist, M. de l'Apparant, argues that the earth is top-shaped, the protuberance corresponding to the point of the top being at the south pole. He bases his belief on the discovery by Nansen of the great depth of the Arctic ocean. M. de l'Apparant thinks his theory would explain the different results arrived at by the various measurements of astronomers and geologists. These differences are readily appreciable, though small in comparison with the entire bulk of the globe.

Italy's Learned Professors.
The "learned professions" of Italy comprise 295,000 persons.

NOVEL HOUSEBOAT VOYAGE.

Charles M. Boyden Will Float to New Orleans by Canal and River.

A low, rakish craft lying at anchor in the lake at the foot of Thirty-eighth street excited the curiosity of passengers on the Illinois Central trains at Chicago the other afternoon. In appearance it is a diminutive tugboat, without smoke funnels of any kind. It has what seems a good-sized cabin perched upon its solitary deck, and upon examination it is seen to be about 16 feet long by seven feet wide. It tilts over somewhat on its stern, after the fashion of a shooting-the-chutes boat when striking the water. But this is because it is laden with provisions for a five months' voyage, and its master left edibles stacked high in one big heap, not having the time to properly distribute them about the "centers of gravity" of his little vessel.

The master, builder and designer of this queer house on water is Charles M. Boyden, of 3811 Lake avenue, who intends to use it on a pleasure trip by water from Chicago to New Orleans. His route will lie through the Chicago river and the Illinois & Michigan canal to the Illinois river and the Mississippi. He completed his self-imposed task the other day. When the boat was hauled to the water's edge and launched he had the satisfaction of seeing that it floated in first-class fashion. It was then named the Snap Shot and gotten in readiness for the voyage.

The tugboat Hinshaw will tow the Snap Shot to Lamont. Thence to La Salle the voyage will be made by sail and oar. Then the current of the Illinois river will be utilized, and the same agency will be trusted to carry the craft to the crescent city at the end of the 1,500-mile trip.

Dogs and guns and fishing tackle have been provided. Bert Bowen, of 296 Oakwoods boulevard, accompanies Mr. Boyden. Fresh meat is to be found on hunting trips, and it will be cooked on board. February 1 New Orleans is expected to be reached. The return trip will be by rail.

NEW AIRSHIP DESIGNED.

Charles A. Kuenzel, of Hoboken, N. J., Will Use Petroleum.

The Aerial Navigation company, organized for the manufacture of flying machines, filed articles of incorporation in the Hudson county, N. J., clerk's office the other day. The machines are the invention of Charles A. Kuenzel, of Hoboken, who said:

"I have worked on this theory of a practical airship for 18 years. Five years ago in one of the public parks of Philadelphia I tried a working model. It was not large enough to satisfy me as a 'trial horse,' so I have had a larger one made—one that can carry five men, provisions, etc. Next month it will be tried from the Guttenburg race track. The parts have been constructed in two different machine shops in widely separated localities in order to preserve the necessary secrecy.

"All I care to say now is that the balloon is 135 feet long and 40 feet in diameter, with a capacity of 250,000 cubic feet of gas. The ship is 60 feet long and 20 feet in diameter. The engine and all the running parts, steering gear, etc., are made of aluminum. One gallon of petroleum a day will suffice to run the engine and about 40 gallons can be carried—enough to last for a month without replenishing the fuel.

"Unlike Prof. Andree, we are able to renew our supply of gas as fast as it leaks and the balloon loses its proper buoyancy. The entire weight of the whole affair will not exceed 1,500 pounds. The balloon proper cost \$9,000 to construct. It will support 4,000 pounds besides the weight of the craft."

LABEL IN AN EPITAPH.

Novel Cause of a Damage Suit at Dresden, Tenn.

Memphis lawyers have brought suit in Dresden, Weakly county, Tenn., for damages for defamation of character alleged to be contained in an epitaph cut in a tombstone. Such a cause of action is probably unparalleled; nevertheless the wording on this tombstone is such as is seldom seen in a graveyard.

The parties reside near Martin, Weakly county. In December, 1896, L. B. Cate was shot and killed by Bill Penick. Penick was tried on the charge of murder and was defended by the same lawyers now acting for him in this civil suit. He was acquitted on the plea of self-defense.

The parents of the deceased thought to honor his memory by erecting a suitable tombstone over his grave and by having cut in the marble a legend setting forth the circumstances of his taking off. The following is the epitaph:

L. B., son of J. C. and L. J. Cate, born April 18, 1870. Married, Millie Freeman December 21, 1887; was shot and killed by Bill Penick December 11, 1896, caused by Penick swearing a lie on Cate's wife. Aged 29 years, 8 months and 1 day.

It is alleged by Penick that this was exposed to public gaze in the yard of the tombstone-maker for quite awhile before it was erected over the grave of deceased Cate. The complainant sues both the sculptor and the father of the deceased for \$10,000 damages.

Collection Boxes Run by Electricity.

The minister of a progressive church has recently introduced an electric contribution box. By pressing a button several small silver cars lined with velvet run along a miniature railway placed at the back of each pew. As they pass along the members of the congregation drop in their offerings. All the cars concentrate at one point and the collection is taken out.

Parrot a Public Servant.

A London painter has trained a parrot to say "Wet paint." When he is working with the brush he hangs the bird in its cage on the fence or wall which is being painted, and so passersby are warned of its proximity.

Free From Rheumatism.

If the people generally knew the true cause of Rheumatism, there would be no such thing as liniments and lotions for this painful and disabling disease. The fact is, Rheumatism is a disordered state of the blood—it can be reached, therefore, only through the blood. But all blood remedies cannot cure Rheumatism, for it is an obstinate disease, one which requires a real blood remedy—something more than a mere tonic. Swift's Specific is the only real blood remedy and promptly goes to the very bottom of even the most obstinate case.

Like all other blood diseases, the doctors are totally unable to cure Rheumatism. In fact, the only remedies which they prescribe are potash and mercury, and though temporary relief may result, these remedies produce a stiffness of joints and only intensify the disease. Those who have had experience with Rheumatism know that it becomes more severe each year.



The case of Mrs. James Kell, of 611 Ninth Street, S. E., Washington, D. C., should convince everyone that it is useless to expect doctors to cure Rheumatism. Under recent date she writes:

"A few months ago I had an attack of Sciatic Rheumatism in its worst form. The pain was so intense that my nervous system was prostrated, and I was for a long time perfectly helpless. The attack was an unusually severe one, and my condition was regarded as being very dangerous.

"I was attended by one of the most able doctors of Washington City, who is also a member of the faculty of the leading college here. He told me to continue his prescription and I would get well. After having it refilled twelve times and receiving not the least benefit, I declined to take it longer.

"Having heard S.S.S. (Swift's Specific) recommended for Rheumatism, I decided, almost in despair, to give it a trial. After taking a few bottles I was able to hobble around on crutches, and very soon had no need at all for them, for S.S.S. cured me sound and well. All the distressing pains have left me, my appetite has returned, and I am happy to be again restored to perfect health."

S.S.S. never disappoints, for it is made to cure these deep-rooted diseases which are beyond the reach of all other remedies. It cures permanent Rheumatism, Catarrh, Cancer, Scrofula, Eczema, and all other blood diseases. It is the only blood remedy guaranteed.

Purely Vegetable,

containing no mercury, potash, arsenic or other dangerous mineral. Books will be mailed free to any address by the Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

The Quick and Bath.

From the New York Times.

Most people do not understand taking a cold bath; I don't wonder they take cold. To bathe properly, when the water is in the tub turn down the night clothes and bathe the face and neck. Then, stepping into the tub, kneel on one knee and with the sponge throw the water first over one shoulder and then the other down the spine. That causes the reaction which makes the body warm. Quickly sponge the rest of the body, make a few motions forward in the water as if swimming, and then jump out into the bedroom slippers. It need not take more than a moment. Such a bath is very beneficial to many thin-blooded people.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The milk grain O you give the children the more health you distribute through their system. Grain O is made of pure grains and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about 1-4 as much. All grocers sell it. 35c and 50c.

Honolulu, Oct. 21.—(Via San Francisco, Oct. 28.)—The Hawaiian government's reply to Japan's latest letter will soon be forwarded, and another step taken in diplomatic controversy. The Japanese Government is still very vague as to the amount of damage it will claim. By Christmas the whole imbroglio may be in the hands of the arbitrators.

CASTORIA.

It is the best family medicine.

An East side Catholic church, in Kansas City, gave a fair last week, for the first time since it was founded early in 1869.

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Successor to BATES COUNTY NATIONAL BANK.		
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Money to loan on real estate, at low rates. Abstracts of title to all lands and town lots in Bates county. Choice securities always on hand and for sale. Abstracts of title furnished, titles examined and all kinds of real estate papers drawn.		
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We do a General Real Estate and Exchange Business, and Make a Specialty of Abstracts.	
We are now preparing a revised list of Lands, for sale or exchange by us. Bring or send us complete description of your property. If you are now listed with us, please give us new description and price.	
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MADE A WRECK BY COCAINE

Mrs. Annie C. Meyers Who Was a World's Fair Lady Manager.

Accused of Stealing at Chicago and Bound Over to the Grand Jury.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 27.—Mrs. Annie C. Meyers—one of the Mrs. Meyers who was on Mrs. Potter Palmer's visiting list; once the Mrs. Meyers who was prominent on the board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair; once the wife of Capt. Victor E. Meyers, a man of wealth and position and later the well-to-do widow who was a leader in the Marshfield avenue Methodist Church and who was lavish in her charities—now Annie C. Meyers, a friendless and penniless street beggar, an accused criminal and a physical and mental wreck, stood among the prisoners in Judge Martin's court to day.

Facing her were her accusers. There were representatives of the police department of Chicago. There were half a dozen young stenographers who were the victims of her thefts. And there was a lawyer who gleefully called attention to the fact that in one case she was charged with taking nine cents over \$25 and could therefore be sent to the penitentiary instead of the Bridewell.

They were all well dressed and comfortable appearing. She was clad in the rags of poverty. Her face was thin, drawn and haggard, and in her eyes was a wild look which told the story—cocaine. She wept bitterly.

Justice Martin lent a sympathetic ear to her pleadings. He knew she spoke the truth, and that if she had stolen it was to satisfy her cravings for the drug.

What's the Use of Talking About colds and coughs in the summer time. You may have a tickling cough or a little cold or baby may have the croup and when it comes you ought to know that Parks cough Syrup is the best cure for it. Sold by H. L. Tucker.

Two Legs, \$20,000.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Fanny Doxater, widow of T. A. Doxater, a brakeman on the Chicago and West Michigan road, has brought a peculiar suit against the road, a hospital and a doctor.

Doxater was run over last June. He was taken to a hospital, where both legs were amputated. He died two hours later.

Instead of delivering the legs with the dead body to the widow, they were cremated in the hospital furnace. For the killing of her husband and the cremating of the amputated legs the widow asks \$20,000 from the three defendants.

You Can't Afford to Chance it.

A heavy cold may lead to pneumonia or consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar taken in time affords perfect security from serious results. At J. A. Trimble, druggist.

Kansas City is to have a mammoth passenger station to cost \$3,000,000, with terminals. It will be at Twenty-second and Grand, with 30 tracks and capacity for 400 Pullmans.

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Gore "Richmond" in the Field.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 26.—During a performance of "Richard III." at Maguire's Opera House last night, John Fay Palmer, who played Richmond, had a narrow escape from fatal injury at the hands of John Griffith, who attempted to play Richard. In the sword fight on Bosworth field Palmer accidentally drew blood from Griffith's hand.

Griffith made a terrific downward thrust and caught Palmer across the face, cutting a frightful gash from the right eyebrow over the nose, breaking the nasal bone. The curtain was rung down and Palmer is heart-broken over the accident.

Elizabeth, N. J., Oct. 19, 1896.

Ely Bros., Dear Sirs:—Please accept my thanks for your favor in the gift of a bottle of Cream Balm. Let me say I have used it for years and can thoroughly recommend it for what it claims, if directions are followed.

(Rev.) H. W. Hathaway. No clergyman should be without it. Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50c Trial size 10c. We mail it. Ely Bros., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

An exchange says: "Hon. Jake Child will return to his home from his late consulate at Hankow, China, in the early spring, amid the pomp and pride of all Richmond. As Congressman Dockery of the third district will make the race for governor, it is not beyond the possibility that Mr. Child will make the race for congress."

Frickly Ash Bitters is not a "bitter" as the world is generally understood. It could not be used as a drink because of its highly medicated and cathartic properties. Nor is it a drastic, disagreeable mixture. It is pleasant to take, mild and agreeable, does not nauseate the stomach, nor produce griping sensations. In curing diseases of the kidneys, or the disorders common to the liver, its great value is well known and admitted by the medical profession. It is a kidney remedy par-excellence. Sold by McClement & Co.

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